

NEWS and NOTES

This department furnishes information concerning institutions, organizations, and individuals engaged in work on leprosy and other mycobacterial diseases, and makes note of scientific meetings and other matters of interest.

India. *Dermatology and Leprosy Research Institute.* We are grateful to Mr. V. Peria Swami, Project Director of the above Institute, Main Road, Anakapalli-531 001, Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh, India, for the following information:

"The Dermatology and Leprology Research Institute took root in November 1986. The building which lodges our Institute was donated by Dr. B. Narasimha Rao, the Director of this Institute. With funds released by Emmaus Swiss, we renovated the building to make it suitable for our work.

"We aim to enthrone private practitioners to treat leprosy patients in their own clinics and disseminate to them sufficient knowledge in diagnosis and treatment, as well as to impart knowledge about modern trends in diagnosis and treatment to undergraduates in medicine. Also, to improve the efficiency of trained nonmedical field workers, they have to be re-oriented in a scientific system of detecting early cases and in techniques to create awareness in the public about the curability of leprosy and the importance of mass cooperation.

"Our Institute is financially supported by Emmaus Swiss. We do not get any government grants. Our staff includes a qualified doctor, a project officer, senior paramedical worker, accountant, health education worker and physiotherapist. For teaching purposes we will follow the syllabus prepared by the Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation (Wardha, India) which is recognized by the Government of India."—Lepr. Rev. 59 (1988) 238.

Orientation in Leprosy for Doctors. Drs. E. S. and R. H. Thangaraj and Dr. K. C. Das are the authors of this 28-page, well illustrated in color booklet published by the HKNS (1 Red Cross Road, New Delhi 110001, India). The booklet covers all important aspects of leprosy and should be

invaluable not only for doctors but also for medical students, especially in India.

XV IAL Conference and New Officers. The XV biennial conference of the Indian Association of Leprologists (IAL) was held at Vishakhapatnam from 18–20 December 1987. At the General Body meeting of the IAL held on 19 December 1987, the following new office-bearers were elected: President = Dr. R. Ganapati, Vice-Presidents = Dr. A. Thomas and Dr. M. V. Yellapurkar, Honorary Secretary = Dr. V. V. Dongre, Honorary Treasurer = Shri S. S. Naik, and Central Council Members = Drs. B. N. Mittal, K. V. Krishnamoorthy, V. M. Katoch, P. N. Neelan, D. S. Chaudhury and Lt. Col. V. D. Tiwari.

U.K. *Change of address: The Leprosy Mission International.* At the beginning of September 1988 The Leprosy Mission (International) moved to 80 Windmill Road, Brentford, Middlesex TW8 0QH, U.K.

U.S.A. *Leprosy cases, 1978–1987.* According to the Centers for Disease Control, the following numbers of leprosy patients have been reported each year from 1987–1978, respectively: 238, 270, 361, 290, 259, 250, 256, 223, 185, and 168.—MMWR 36 No. 54 1988 p. 53.

Regional Hansen's disease centers. The GWL Hansen's Disease Center (GWLHDC) at Carville, Louisiana, provides specialized HD care to persons from anywhere in the United States requiring such care. Any physician or HD patient having a problem or question concerning HD may call the GWLHDC by dialing Toll Free 1-800-642-2477.

The Regional Hansen's Disease Program maintains an active physician referral list which includes more than 200 private phy-

sicians in all parts of the United States. For the name of a physician in a particular area, contact the Regional Hansen's Disease Program at 1-800-642-2477 (in Louisiana, call 504-642-4746).

Regional Hansen's Disease Centers

Area	Facility	Address	Physician/Nurse	Appointment
Boston	Brighton Marine Public Health Center	77 Warren St. Brighton, MA 02135	Donald Lucas, M.D. Hazel Gadd, P.H.N.	617-782-3400
Chicago	University of Illinois College of Medicine	840 S. Wood St. Chicago, IL 60612	Carlotta Hill, M.D. Arlene Slajchert, P.H.N.	312-996-0734
Hawaii	State of Hawaii Dept. of Health	3650 Maunalei Ave. Honolulu, HI 96816	Richard I. Frankel, M.D. Marlene Lee, P.H.N.	808-735-2473
Los Angeles	L.A. County/U.S.C. Medical Center Outpatient Clinic	Dept. of Health Services 1175 North Cummings St. Los Angeles, CA 90033	Thomas Rea, M.D. Helen Baca-Mora, P.H.N.	213-226-5261
Miami	Jackson Memorial Hospital	Tropical Derm. Clinic 1611 N.W. 12th Ave. Miami, FL 33136	Arthur H. Johnson, M.D. Anita McSharry, P.H.N.	305-549-6089
New York	Bayley Seton Hospital	Bay & Vanderbilt St. Staten Island, NY 10304	William Levis, M.D.	718-390-5757
Puerto Rico	University of Puerto Rico Medical School	Dept. of Dermatology G.P.O. Box 5067 San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936	Pable Almodovar, M.D. Judith Figueroa, P.H.N.	809-758-7910 ext. 121
San Diego	North San Diego Health Center	2440 Grand Ave. San Diego, CA 92109	Antonio Lopez, M.D. Carol Judkins, P.H.N.	619-274-1223
San Francisco	San Francisco RHDC	2211 Post St., Suite 301 San Francisco, CA 94115	Robert Gelber, M.D. Vivien Demarest, P.H.N.	415-346-3607
Seattle	Pacific Medical Center	1200 12th Ave., South Seattle, WA 98144	James P. Harnisch, M.D. Helen Miske, P.H.N.	206-326-4142
Texas	Texas State Dept. of Health	1100 West 49th Austin, TX 78756	Isabel Vitek, P.H.N.	512-458-7455